

Storm Preparedness Information

Sandbags For Homeowners

Street & Road Closures in Los Angeles

The 9 Steps of Flood & Mudslide Recovery

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LAFD Provides Sandbags for Homeowners

The Los Angeles Basin is periodically subject to floods that result in property damage. The potential for mudslides and debris flow is greatly increased near areas recently impacted by wildfire.



Los Angeles residents - especially those in foothill communities, are encouraged to prepare their properties in advance of coming rainstorms.

In an effort to help, the Los Angeles Fire Department is making ready-to-fill sandbags available at all Neighborhood Fire Stations.

Additionally, both sand and sandbags are available at many convenient Bureau of Street Services locations.

Property filled and placed sandbags are best used to divert (rather than dam) water run-off, redirecting storm and debris flow away from property improvements.

While the City can provide homeowners with empty sandbags and sand to protect their property, the City does not fill, load, or place sandbags for individual homeowners.

Those needing additional sand, sandbags and supplies may wish to contact a home improvement store or building supply center in their community, many of which will deliver flood preparedness and debris control aids.

We remind you that sandbagging and flood control is a labor intensive process that can lead to injury. Please follow important safety guidelines and consider hiring a licensed contractor for any large or special needs.

2009 San Fernando Valley Foothill Community Predicted Mud & Debris Flow Maps *

Homeowner's Guide to Erosion Control

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